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SUBJ: MODE- AGRICULTURE REQUEST TO ESTABLISH APHIS
VETERINARY EPIDEMIOLOGIST POSITION IN KENYA

REF: STATE 249103

1. PARA THREE REFTEL STATEMENT THAT PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH NEW POSITION "HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH PRINCIPAL OFFICIALS AT EMBASSY, WHO ARE AGREEABLE TO THE FULLEST EXTENT" IS AT VARIANCE WITH EMBASSY RECORDS. ACCORDING TO MEMO FOR THE FILES DATED AUGUST 26, 1976, PREPARED BY EMBASSY ECONOMIC COUNSELOR, DR. REICHARD WAS INFORMED "THAT THE AMBASSADOR WAS, AT MOST, LUKEWARM ABOUT HAVING ANOTHER DIRECT-HIRE EMPLOYEE ATTACHED TO THE U.S. MISSION IN KENYA." DR. REICHARD WAS ALSO TOLD THAT "THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN APPROACHED RATHER SUDDENLY ON THIS SUBJECT" AND THAT OUR DEFINITIVE REACTION WOULD HAVE TO AWAIT THE FORMAL WRITTEN PROPOSAL THAT REICHARD SAID THE USDA INTENDED TO SUBMIT. SUCH A SUBMISSION HAS NEVER BEEN RECEIVED BY THE EMBASSY.

2. ASIDE FROM LACK OF CONVINCING EVIDENCE OF NEED FOR THIS POSITION, EMBASSY FURTHER QUESTIONS WHETHER IT SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED INASMUCH AS WE NOW UNDERSTAND THAT DR. MURIITHI IS, AT BEST, LUKEWARM TO IDEA.

3. CONTENT PARAS ONE AND TWO ABOVE SUGGESTS THAT IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO CONSIDER ESTABLISHING THIS POSITION AT PRESENT.

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HOWEVER, EMBASSY WOULD BE WILLING TO RECONSIDER PROPOSAL AT

SOME FUTURE DATE WHEN DOCUMENTATION IS MORE CONVINCING AND
THERE IS MORE POSITIVE INDICATION OF RECEPTIVITY ON PART OF
KENYA OFFICIALS.
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